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In re Patent Application of:
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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM OF CREATING A
BACKUP DISC OF A HYBRID DISC

Examiner: P. H. Gupta

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1-27, please reconsider the above-identified U.S. patent application in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gehr, U.S. Patent No. 6,453,395 in view of Tatano, JP Patent No. 401173487, and Iida et al., U.S. Patent Publication 2002/0027848. The rejection is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 recites a method of creating a backup disc of a hybrid type source optical disc having a read-only storage area and a writable storage area. The claim 1 method comprises "a qualification determination step of determining whether or not a